

### From the North

I should like to make an appeal in behalf of the Chicago Mission. The work there has been hindered because the Brethren did not have a church house of their own, and now since the Conference has purchased a building we should all come to the rescue and help pay for it. Brother Cassel is laboring hard to collect the money to pay for the property, and we should not allow him to suffer too much disappointment or he will lose confidence in the Brethren. Brethren and Sisters of Michigan should do their duty. I suggest that everybody make a thanksgiving offering on December 24, an offering that shows thankfulness. Now Brother Cassel you may put me down for five dollars for the Chicago church property. WALTER CLARK.

### The Bryan, O., Revival

According to promise on Friday evening Oct 4, brother L. S. Bauman arrived at our place to again hold a revival meeting for us. The meetings were continued until Thursday evening of the 31st. Brother Bauman's sermons were delivered with the same enthusiasm and interest as before. They were seasoned with illustrations, just enough to make them deeply impressive. As a brother, as a minister, as a speaker, he has endeared himself to the writer and the people at this place.

Bryan being a difficult place to work, owing to the many organizations, and the set, and hardened hearts of men, the meeting at first did not look so prospective, but as usual when the meeting is just beginning to wax warm it had to close. The results were as follows.—eleven received baptism by trine immersion, and one by relation from the Disciple church, who was formally baptized by trine immersion in the G. B. church. Of this number nine have been received into full fellowship into the Brethren church. While the revival is over, the seed sown during the meeting, we feel sure will in time to come manifest itself in more accessions. The membership has in general been strengthened.

One week ago last Sunday we organized a Young People's Society with twenty members to start on. Our first meeting was held on last Sunday evening, about thirty were present. Brother M. D. Kerr whom we so frequently hear from when money is needed, both at home and abroad, was selected president, and sister Niagara Newcomer, one of our young converts of last winter, Secretary.

If this church has no internal disruptions, and stands together in the future as they have in the past, sharing each others burdens, we will see at least one Brethren strong hold in North Western Ohio. S. B. GRISSO.

### The Seats of the Scornful

How many of us are sitting in them? Perhaps some are there without being conscious of the fact. It's so easy to look down upon those who fail to come up to our standards of intelligence, culture, taste, or morals, that we don't realize how scornfully we speak of them and treat them.

"If that girl doesn't know she can't sing, it's the duty of some kind friend to call upon her and inform her of the fact!" was a remark overheard at an entertainment. Now the singer in question was giving her services for the benefit of a local charity, and, though her voice was neither strong nor perfectly trained, yet she had pleased the greater part of her audience. Why should her more highly favored sister scornfully despise her honest effort and openly ridicule her?

"I couldn't enjoy the sermon at all this morning," said one lady to another as they came out of church, "on account of Mrs. Smith's hat. It seems to me that any one who would deliberately select such a monstrosity is in need of a guardian!" and both ladies laughed as they passed out of hearing.

"If you could have heard the mistakes Mrs. Jones made this afternoon," said a highly educated woman on her return from a club meeting, "you'd

wonder how the club ever tolerates her. Of course she could never have got in except for her money—though she does seem to have a lovely character—for, if she ever had any education, it certainly didn't include grammar and rhetoric. Why, I should think she'd go wild hearing herself talk! She's certainly to be pitied, poor thing! But the scornful curl of the lip and the disgusted expression seemed to indicate contempt rather than pity.

"If I couldn't come to church looking better than that, I wouldn't come at all!" whispers one girl to another.

"I think so to," replied the other. "I'm sure I could get myself up to look fairly well even if I were poor; and any body ought to." Both girls forgot that good taste and a "faculty" are gifts not vouchsafed to all, and the old-fashioned girl who saw their scornful glances concluded there was no use in trying to be anybody, and she never entered the church again.

"If I were as stupid as that, I'd never want to show my face inside a school house," is the remark of a bright boy. His schoolmate overhears it and goes home to tell his mother there's no use in his trying to learn; so he leaves school and gives up all chance of gaining an education.

"Will you not go to prayer meeting with me tonight?" asks one friend of another.

"What! and hear old Deacon Snow's long-winded prayer in exactly the same words he's used for the last twenty years, and Mr. Smith's low-spirited talk about the sins of the age, and Mr. Jones's mixed metaphors and bad grammar. No, thank you. I've been educated a little above such meetings as that. Indeed I don't see how any one endures them, nor what possible good they can do!" and after these remarks it was not strange that the friend stayed at home, too.

"Mrs. Blank is a fine-appearing woman," aristocratic Mrs. Livingston was heard to remark the other day; "but I should think she'd know better than to call on me, even if we do belong to the same church. Just imagine my having anything to do with anybody of her class!" and, from the contemptuous tone, one might infer that poor Mrs. Blank had been guilty of some crime, whereas the only trouble was that her husband was not in an aristocratic line of business.

If these remarks, or others made in the same spirit, are ever made by us, then it will be well to consider the sorrow and trouble, which we may be causing, and to remember that the psalmist said, "Blessed is the man that sitteth not in the seat of the scornful"—Forward.

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